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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMITTEE DAY REPORT

House Budget & Research Office
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- The House will reconvene for its 20th Legislative Day on Thursday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- 14 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

SB 396 Georgia State Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); rename such program the Georgia Grown Farm to Food Bank Program (F2FB)

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 396 renames the Georgia State Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to the Georgia Grown Farm to Food Bank Program (F2FB). The bill sets the price of produce purchased through the program at the seller's input plus one half of appreciation costs. Each Georgia grown product purveyor, producer, or processor from which the program procured food shall be included in a required annual report submitted by an entity contracted with the Department of Agriculture for the F2FB program.

Authored By: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th)
House Committee: Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

Committee Action: 02-23-2022 Do Pass

Education Committee

HB 1084 Education; curricula or training programs which encourage certain concepts; prevent use of

Bill Summary: House Bill 1084 creates the 'Protect Students First Act,' which prevents the use of and reliance on curricula or training programs in state public schools which espouse "divisive concepts" such as: one race is inherently superior to another race; the United States of America is fundamentally racist; an individual, by virtue of their race, is inherently racist or oppressive toward individuals of other races; an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment because of their race; an individual bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other individuals of the same race; an individual should feel anguish or any other form of psychological distress because of his or her race; meritocracies are racist or were created by individuals of one race to oppress individuals of another race; any other form of race scapegoating or race stereotyping.

No later than August 1, 2022, each local board of education is to adopt a complaint resolution policy to address complaints alleging violations of this new policy. Within three school days of receiving a written complaint, the school principal, or their designee, will determine whether the alleged violation occurred and communicate that decision as well as remedial steps to the complainant within

five days. The school principal's determinations will be reviewed by the local school superintendent, or their designee, within 14 days of receiving a written request, and their decision is subject to review by the local board of education or the State Charter Schools Commission.

Decisions may be appealed to the State Board of Education who shall make written findings of any violations. In cases where a local school system has been granted one or more waivers, the State Board of Education will immediately suspend one or more waivers in the local school system's contract. In cases where a school system has not been granted a waiver, the state school superintendent will determine whether to exercise their suspension authority.

Authored By: Rep. Will Wade (9th)
House Education
Committee:

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 1178 Parents' Bill of Rights; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 1178 establishes the 'Parents' Bill of Rights' and states that it is the fundamental right of a parent to direct the upbringing and education of their minor children. The bill certifies that no state or local government entity, local board of education, or any officer, employee, or agent thereof may infringe on the fundamental right of a parent without the action being reasonable and necessary to achieve a narrowly-tailored, compelling state interest and is otherwise served by less restrictive means. The fundamental rights of parents include: the right to direct the moral and religious upbringing of their minor child; the right to review all instructional materials intended for use in the classroom of their minor child; the right to apply to enroll their minor child into a public or private school, or other available options; the right to access and review all records relating to their child unless prohibited by law; the right to access information relating to promotion and retention policies and high school graduation requirements; and the right to consent in writing before a photograph, video, or voice recording of their child is made.

Each governing body will, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, develop and adopt a policy or regulation to promote parental involvement in public schools. The policy will include procedures for a parent to fulfill all the parts of their fundamental rights, as listed above.

Authored By: Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)
House Education
Committee:

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 1292 Education; prohibit students who participate in 4-H sponsored activities or programs from being counted as absent from school

Bill Summary: House Bill 1292 prohibits students who participate in 4-H sponsored activities or programs from being counted as absent from school. The school principal or their designee may request documentation, as proof, from a 4-H representative.

Authored By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)
House Education
Committee:

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 1303 Education; transition a pilot program for elementary agricultural education to an ongoing program

Bill Summary: House Bill 1303 revises O.C.G.A. 20-2-154.3 relating to a pilot program for agricultural education in elementary schools to transition the pilot to an ongoing program. The Department of Education will provide a program evaluation to the House and Senate related committees by December 31, 2022.

Authored By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)
House Education
Committee:

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass
Action:

Game, Fish, & Parks Committee

HB 1349 Natural Resources, Dept. of; attempt to prevent net loss of land acreage available for hunting on state owned lands; extend date

Bill Summary: House Bill 1349 changes the qualifying date from July 1, 2005, to July 1, 2022, for land the Department of Natural Resources shall withhold from actions that result in the loss of state-owned acreage available for hunting.

Authored By: Rep. Jason Ridley (6th)
House Game, Fish, & Parks
Committee:

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass
Action:

Governmental Affairs Committee

HB 1085 Elections; option for municipalities to adopt and use instant runoff voting; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1085 allows municipalities to have the option to utilize instant run-off voting for municipal elections.

Authored By: Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 1301 Landscape Equipment and Agricultural Fairness (LEAF) Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 1301 establishes the 'Landscape Equipment and Agricultural Fairness (LEAF) Act,' which bars local prohibitions or regulations that distinguish or create differing standards for gasoline-powered leaf blowers from any other gasoline-powered, electric, or other type of leaf blower.

Authored By: Rep. Don Hogan (179th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HR 732 Local government; date temporary loans are payable from end of calendar year to fiscal year; change - CA

Bill Summary: House Resolution 732 proposes an amendment to the Georgia Constitution to change the payable date of temporary loans for counties and municipalities from December 31 of each year to within 12 months of the initial funding.

Authored By: Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 1374 City of Bloomingdale Community Improvement Districts Act; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 1374 provides for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the city of Bloomingdale.

Authored By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 1397 Liberty County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1397 changes the description of the Liberty County Board of Education's districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. Al Williams (168th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-23-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

SB 454 Board of Public Education for Bibb County; description of the education districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 454 changes the description of the Bibb County Board of Education's districts.

Authorized By:	Sen. John Kennedy (18th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-23-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

SB 482 Paulding County Board of Education; districts for election of members; revise

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 482 revises the districts for the election of members of the Paulding County Board of Education.

Authorized By:	Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-23-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

SB 503 City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County; new commissioner districts; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 503 provides for new Macon-Bibb County Commission districts.

Authorized By:	Sen. John Kennedy (18th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-23-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

Judiciary Non-Civil Committee**HB 895 Criminal procedure; restrictions of the disclosure of personal information of nonsworn employees; provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 895 restricts the disclosure of the home address, date of birth, and home telephone number of a non-sworn employee of a law enforcement agency in criminal cases in which the prosecuting attorney is required to disclose the witnesses who will testify at trial. The prosecuting attorney will instead disclose the employee's current work location and work phone number. The list of witnesses whose testimony led to a criminal charge, which must be presented to a defense attorney prior to arraignment of a defendant, will also disclose the current work location and work phone number of both law enforcement officers and non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies rather than their home address, date of birth, and home telephone number. Further, non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies cannot be compelled to reveal their home address when testifying in their official capacity, although courts can require an employee to answer questions regarding their home address if the fact is a material issue in the proceeding.

Authorized By:	Rep. Clint Crowe (110th)		
House	Judiciary Non-Civil	Committee	02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute

Motor Vehicles Committee

HB 203 Special license plates; Tybee Island Historical Society; establish

Bill Summary: House Bill 203 creates a specialty license plate supporting the Tybee Island Historical Society.

Authorized By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles

Committee Action: 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1009 Motor vehicles; use of personal delivery devices to transport cargo; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 1009 provides definitions and operation guidelines for personal delivery devices. The bill prohibits local authorities from enacting ordinances regarding personal delivery devices under specified conditions.

Authorized By: Rep. Todd Jones (25th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles

Committee Action: 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1379 Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Commission; establish

Bill Summary: House Bill 1379 establishes the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Commission, assigned to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for administrative purposes. The commission will establish a grant program supporting law enforcement agencies and multi-jurisdiction task forces' efforts toward motor vehicle-related crime prevention initiatives.

Authorized By: Rep. John Corbett (174th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles

Committee Action: 02-23-2022 Do Pass

Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

HB 439 Motor vehicles; installation of ignition interlock devices as a condition of probation for individuals convicted of a first offense of driving under the influence; require

Bill Summary: House Bill 439 establishes procedures for anyone whose driver's license has been suspended for DUI on a first and second conviction to apply for reinstatement. Reinstatement is dependent upon the driver completing prescribed times using an ignition interlock device and paying the required reinstatement fee. The legislation establishes procedures for application, use, and revocation of the ignition interlock device permit as well as rules and regulations relating to this process for completing punishment for alcohol related offenses.

Authorized By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security

Committee Action: 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1145 Georgia State Indemnification Fund; death of public safety officer due to COVID-19 be a death in the line of duty; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1145 adds death of a public safety officer due to COVID-19 in certain instances to be considered a death in the line of duty for purposes of indemnification. The Department of Administrative Services is required to consider the death of a public safety officer that occurred between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021, to have occurred while in the line of duty if the public safety officer was diagnosed with COVID-19 within 45 days of such public safety officer's last day of duty and if that diagnosis was the cause, or a contributing factor, of death.

Authorized By: Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security

Committee Action: 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1216 Traffic offenses; enhanced penalties for violations of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1216 enhances the penalties for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. The minimum fine for a first conviction increases from \$500 to \$1,000 and a minimum 30-day imprisonment. A second conviction within a 10-year period has an increased minimum fine of \$2,500, up from \$1,000 and a minimum period of imprisonment of 90 days. Third convictions within a 10-year period of time carry a \$4,000 penalty, increased from \$2,500 and a minimum imprisonment of 180 days. These first three convictions are a high and aggravated misdemeanor. A fourth or subsequent conviction within a 10-year period becomes a felony and is punished by a fine not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000 and imprisonment not less than 12 months nor more than 10 years.

Anyone fleeing the police who causes an accident, passes a school bus camera, is drag racing, or is found to be reckless driving is guilty of a felony and punished by a fine of at least \$5,000, but no more than \$10,000. That person is also subject to imprisonment for not less than 12 months nor more than 10 years.

Authorized By:	Rep. Lauren McDonald (26th)		
House	Public Safety & Homeland Security	Committee	02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute

SB 358 Georgia Public Safety Training Center; reimbursement of certain costs incurred by active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the US armed forces who are attending basic law enforcement training; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 358 authorizes the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to use funds to reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic law enforcement training to the extent that funds are appropriated by the General Assembly. Eligible costs are limited exclusively to the cost of tuition that is incurred in connection with such training if the costs are not covered by any other resource available to the service member.

Authorized By:	Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)		
House	Public Safety & Homeland Security	Committee	02-23-2022 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	

**Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care
Committee****HB 1351 Community Health, Department of; pharmacy benefits management for Medicaid program; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 1351 requires the Department of Community Health, starting on or after July 1, 2024, to provide the pharmacy benefits for Medicaid members enrolled in a care management organization (CMO). The department is to reduce a CMO's contract term payment by 7.5 percent of the CMO's net underwriting gain for the July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, contract year in order to offset costs incurred in program implementation.

Authorized By:	Rep. David Knight (130th)		
House	Special Committee on Access to	Committee	02-23-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Quality Health Care	Action:	

Committee Meeting Schedule

This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.

To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).

Thursday - February 24, 2022

8:00 AM	JUDICIARY COMMITTEE	132 CAP HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
8:30 AM	WAYS & MEANS	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
9:00 AM	RULES COMMITTEE	341 CAP	VIDEO	Agenda
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 20)	House Chamber	VIDEO	
1:00 PM	Judiciary Non-Civil Setzler Subcommittee	132 CAP HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
2:00 PM	AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:00 PM	Appropriations Human Resources Subcommittee	341 CAP HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:00 PM	CANCELED INDUSTRY AND LABOR COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda